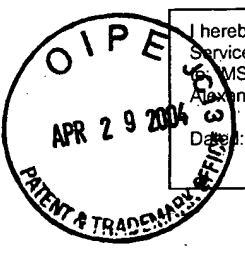


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 29, 2003, for which a response was due on January 29, 2004. A three-month extension of time to April 29, 2004 is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the amendments and remarks presented below are respectfully requested.